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ANALYSIS OF INFORMATION ACTIVITIES, APRIL 21-22, 1977

1. SUMMARY. MEETING WAS ATTENDED BY REPRESENTATIVES
FROM AUSTRALIA, AUSTRIA, BELGIUM, CANADA, DENMARK,
FRANCE, GERMANY, ITALY, JAPAN, LUXEMBOURG, NETHERLANDS,
SPAIN, SWEDEN, US, EEC. THOMAS (FRG) ELECTED CHAIRMAN.
PICTARINEN (FINLAND) AND WAIT (US) VICE-CHAIRMEN.
PRESENTATION OF MAJOR US STUDY BY MARC PORAT FORMED
ESSENTIAL BACKGROUND OF CONSTRUCTIVE TWO-DAY DISCUSSION
WHICH ENDED IN DRAFTING OF 1977/78 ACTION PROGRAM BASED
ON THE EXPERTS' INTERPRETATION OF THE GROUP'S GENERAL
MANDATE AS SET OUT IN DSTI/ICCP/77.17, PARA 12.
END SUMMARY.

2. THE EXPERT GROUP DECIDED THAT ITS TASK SHOULD BE
TO:

(A) IDENTIFY THE TYPES AND ORDER OF MAGNITUDE OF
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INFORMATION ACTIVITIES, CHANGES IN INFORMATION TECH-
NOLOGIES AND THEIR MAJOR ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL
IMPLICATIONS;

(B) PROMOTE AGREEMENT ON CONCEPTS, DEFINITIONS AND
METHODS FOR MEASUREMENT OF THE DEVELOPMENTS DESCRIBED;

(C) CO-ORDINATE RELATED RESEARCH CARRIED OUT OR
ENVISAGED IN MEMBER COUNTRIES IN THIS FIELD, IN ORDER
TO FACILITATE INTERNATIONAL COMPARABILITY;

(D) PREPARE AN ANALYSIS FOR THE USE OF MEMBER
GOVERNMENTS OF RELEVANT POLICY IMPLICATIONS.

3. IN ORDER TO FULFILL THIS OBLIGATION, THE FOLLOWING
ACTION PROGRAM FOR 1977/8 WAS PROPOSED:

(A) END MAY, 1977:

- INVITE MEMBER COUNTRIES TO INDICATE THEIR
INTEREST IN CARRYING OUT NATIONAL RESEARCH AND
MEASUREMENT ON THIS THEME;
- DEVELOP A PRELIMINARY INVENTORY TO BUILD INFOR-
MATION SECTOR ACCOUNTS COMPARABLE TO THOSE NOW AVAILABLE
FOR THE UNITED STATES ECONOMY.

(B) JULY, 1977:

- CALL A MEETING OF NATIONAL ACCOUNTS AND LABOUR
STATISTICS EXPERTS TO DISCUSS AND AGREE ON A
METHODOLOGY TO BUILD INFORMATION SECTOR ACCOUNTS.

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(C) SEPTEMBER, 1977:

- PARTICIPATING MEMBER COUNTRIES TO START NATIONAL

MEASUREMENT PROJECTS;

(D) OCTOBER, 1977:

- PRESENT PRELIMINARY AGREEMENTS ON METHODOLOGY ACHIEVED BY NATIONAL EXPERTS AND PROGRESS REPORTS ON COUNTRY PROJECTS;

- START INVESTIGATION ON THE POLICY IMPLICATIONS OF THESE DEVELOPMENTS AND THE ROLE OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES, AS SET OUT UNDER II B.

(E) SPRING, 1978:

- PRELIMINARY COUNTRY RESULTS WILL BE PRESENTED;
- ECONOMIC ANALYSES WILL BE STARTED ALONG THE LINES OUTLINED ABOVE AS THE FIGURES EMERGE.

(F) AUTUMN, 1978:

- A SYNTHESIS REPORT WILL BE PREPARED CONSISTING OF TWO MAJOR PARTS:

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(I) PRESENTATION OF COUNTRY RESEARCH AND MEASUREMENT RESULTS AND THEIR INTERNATIONAL COMPARISON;

(II) A RANGE OF MAJOR POLICY ISSUES FOR GOVERNMENT ACTION RESULTING FROM THESE DEVELOPMENTS.
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